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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3738

Docket No. CRD-0834

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Frank Butaric et al. Confirmation No.: 5116  
Appln. No. : 09/714,093  
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Title: An Improved Stent For Use in a Stent Graft  
Art Unit : 3738  
Examiner : Cheryl L. Miller

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REPLY/AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 16, 2006, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page  
two of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page four of this paper.